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**The Plot.**

We are of the opinion that not sufficient attention is paid by the press, or our speakers to the class of voters who are too young to understand the present political situation.

There are three departments of our State Government—the Legislature, Executive and Judicial. In other words, the Legislature, composed of House of Delegates and Senate, the Governor, and the Supreme Court. If these are not agreed no measure can operate. All laws and all measures must be passed by the Legislature, then signed by the Governor and must then fail to be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, or they are failures.

Even money to run the Government cannot be paid out, unless the Legislature agrees to appropriate it. Now note this fact. The Funding Bill of 1871, was a forged measure. It was passed by bribery, all agree, that is a bribery of a portion of those who voted for it. It was repudiated by the next Legislature and repealed. But in the mean time two-thirds of the debt had already been funded under it, and although the Legislature of 1872 declared the coupons should not be receivable for taxes, yet the Supreme Court decided that the Legislature of '72 had no right to go back on the one of '71, and that the coupons should be so receivable. Subsequent Legislatures have passed such measures as the Barbour Bill, and the Ridleberger Bill to nullify by indirect means the Funding Bill of 1871, but the Funders had in the mean time repudiated Governor Holliday, and he has vetoed all such measures—that is, refused to sign them. So that while the Readjusters have one of the departments of Government—towit: the Legislative, the Funders have the other two—the Governor and the Court. But this Governor goes out of office next year, and so does this Legislature, and the Court will go out soon after, say in 1882.

It is then easy to see that next year's election will give us a new Governor and a new Legislature, and that new Legislature will have to elect a new Court. If the Readjusters can carry the election next year, they will then carry with it, by means of the Legislature the Court also, and that will give us all three of the departments of Government. Then there would be no veto and no wiping out of measures by the Supreme Court. In other words re-adjustment would then be victorious. Let then every Readjuster bear in mind that the object of the Funders now is to throw our line into disorder this year so that we cannot recover our organization next year. Next year means everything. 1880 stands to 1881 as the October election in Indiana and Ohio do to the Presidential election.

Readjusters, you have the numbers. You have the power to carry this election. If you carry this all Funders can't keep you from capturing the entire State government next year. Then your victory will be complete. Are you not going to do it? The Funders will squirm. They will say hard things. They will heap abuse on us. But the whole question now comes up. This is the final battle. We can win it, and we shall win it. We will not walk into their net. Remember 1881 while it is 1880.

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To the Editor of the Lynchburg News:

My attention has been called to your notice of the 5th inst., containing a card from Senator C. T. Smith, in which he seeks, by counter denunciation and transparent falsehood, to escape or recover from the effect of my card of the 23d of Sept., published in the News of the 28th. In that card I denounced him as infamously false, slanderous and cowardly. To escape the consequences which his own meanness and cowardice have provoked, he seeks to make it appear that he wrote to me a private, but insulting note under date of 17th of Sept., which note he admits he kept in private hands until the 24th, at which time it was delivered to me by a mere boy, whom I did not know, and who immediately left my office, before I had read or opened the note. In order to sneak into a position of defense, and thus avoid making the attack which his character would not suffer to go unmade, he attempts to prove, inferentially, that my letter, written and mailed, must have been dated back one day.

But to dispose of this subterfuge, I furnish herewith the statement of W. F. Rhea, who copied, on the 23d of Sept., my card published in the News of the 28th.

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